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Dear Graduating Senior:

Congratulations! Your application for graduation indicates that you are about to transition from one phase of your life to another. During your years on this campus you've learned theories and models, written research and opinion papers, participated in discussion groups, and involved yourself in campus life. We hope you will leave St. Mary's College prepared to begin a new career in the world of work or advanced studies at another institution. We also hope you take with you fond memories of your experience at St. Mary's.

You are probably already thinking about the opportunities and challenges this transition presents – starting a career, volunteer work such as Peace Corps, travel, or advanced studies. **Please make use of Career Development in Glendening Hall, the Counseling Center in Chance Hall, your academic adviser, other faculty members, and this office.** We are all here to assist you with information to help you make decisions during this important transition.

This packet includes the following information to help you plan for the end of the semester and Commencement:

Convocation and Commencement Information Sheet ~ This information sheet should answer most questions that you may have about Convocation and Commencement. A copy is being sent to your family.

Senior Week Schedule and Ticket Order Form ~ Because many of the events require a prepaid ticket, this information has been sent to your family in case they wish to purchase tickets as a graduation gift. *Please talk with your family so that duplicate tickets are not purchased, and be sure that you have made your purchase by the deadline.*

Timeline ~ This is a schedule of important dates and times between now and Commencement.

Congratulations again, and enjoy these last few weeks of undergraduate life.

Sincerely,

Laura A. Bayless, PhD
Dean of Students